

Spring 2019 Edition

# News from Boonsboro Town Hall

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## New Faces at

### Town Hall & Police Department

Please join us in welcoming our new Administrative Assistants **Amanda Wells** at Town Hall and **Amy Rudy** at the Police Department. We also have a new Police Officer, **Wes McKenzie**.

## SPRING CURBSIDE CLEAN-UP

**Saturday, May 11<sup>th</sup>**

Apple Valley Waste collection begins **very early**, please make sure to have your items at your **curbside** on **Friday night**. The AVW trash truck will come by your house **only** one time.

**\*Items collected are** appliances; electronics; metal, plastic & wood furniture; rugs and carpeting (must be rolled & tied); mattresses; paint cans with kitty litter and miscellaneous junk **\*Items NOT accepted** are televisions, car batteries, tires, construction and remodeling materials, bricks and toxic materials. **\*\*NO TVs please\*\***

## YARD DEBRIS SITE OPENS MONDAY PICK-UP RESUMES

The **Yard Debris Site** located at **6927**

**Monroe Road** will open for the Season on **Saturday, April 6**.

**Hours: Tuesday to Friday 12 Noon – 2pm** and **Saturday 8am – 12 Noon**.

Town residents must get a **NEW 2019 permit** at Town Hall.

**Monday curbside yard debris pick-up** starts on **Monday, April 8<sup>th</sup>**.

Please remember, a **maximum of 8 brown paper** lawn bags per household pickup are permitted each week.

**Reminder:** Pedestrians have the right-of-way in **ALL cross walks**. Please **STOP** to allow pedestrians to safely cross the street. Look for cross walk signs on Main Street.

**It is a Maryland State Law!!**

## Shafer Park opens on April 8

**Walking your dog...**Leashed dogs are allowed in Shafer Park. Please be considerate and **pick-up after your dog in the Park**. We have been finding doggy droppings and no one wants to accidentally step in that. Please also pick-up after your dog in your neighborhood common areas and in other people's yards. It is not pleasant having to clean-up after others' pets. Remember a baggie.

**Please pick up after your pet!**

## 2019 Shafer Park Reservations

You can make Park Pavilions and Community Center reservations by calling or by visiting Town Hall. For Town residents, fees are **\$45** for the Gazebo & small pavilions (4 & 5) and **\$50** for the larger ones (1, 2 & 3). Non-residents will pay an additional **\$10** for each rental. The Community Center rental fee is **\$75**, plus a key/cleaning deposit of **\$50**, which will be refunded to you when you return the key.

## SHAFER PARK CLEAN-UP

**Earth Day & Arbor Day Celebration  
Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup>**

Join the Park Board to celebrate Arbor Day and participate in the annual **Park Clean-Up** from **1pm – 4pm**. All volunteers are welcome and greatly appreciated!! Simply show up wearing work clothes, boots and bring gloves!!

## Boonsboro's Farmers Market

Opening Day is **May 7<sup>th</sup>** and the Market will be held **every TUESDAY** thru **October 8<sup>th</sup>**, from **4pm until 7pm** in Shafer Park (37 Park Drive) in the area between Pavilions 1 & 2.

**We have a lot of fun events planned for this season!!**

**Buy fresh & local!!**

## Boonsboro Town Hall

**will be closed on**

**\* May 27 - Memorial Day**

**Trash/Recycling - Wednesday, May 29**

**\* July 4 - Independence Day**

No change in **Trash/Recycling** pick-up

## ANNUAL FISHING DERBY

**Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup>**

The Fishing Derby will be held at the Shafer Park fishing pond behind the Boonsboro Library. Please enter via the Park parking lot on **Potomac Street**, beside the Police Department. Registration for **ages 1 to 6** is **7:30 to 8:30am**; fishing time is **8:30 to 10:30am**. **Ages 7 to 12** register at **10 to 11am**; fishing time from **11am to 1pm**. Fishing poles will be provided for any child without one. **Admission is free & everyone is welcome!!**

## 11<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL GREEN FEST

**Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup> – 10am to 5pm**

Sponsored by the Boonsboro Green Fest Committee, the event features eco-friendly products and crafts, energy-saving information, services and demonstrations. Recycling stations will be set-up for drop-offs. Located in our beautiful Shafer Park, the event hosts outstanding speakers, all day musical entertainment, a health tent, a Kids Zone and great food and drink.

**Admission is free!!**

## USA Cycling Amateur Road National Championships - June 20<sup>th</sup>

The best cyclists from across the country, ages 11 to 22, will take on the roads of Washington County for their chance to take home the stars and stripes jersey and represent their respective age groups for the next year as the best of the best. Keep your eyes and ears open for updates!!

[www.visithagerstown.com/amateur\\_road](http://www.visithagerstown.com/amateur_road)

## NATIONAL PIKE WAGON TRAIN

Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup>

The National Pike Wagon Train will again end its journey in Shafer Park around **1pm**. There will be pony rides for children, as well as blacksmith and spinning demonstrations.

## The Annual GREAT BOONSBORO AMBULANCE & RESCUE CO.

CARNIVAL

Friday, May 24 - Saturday, June 1

For special ride-all-night ticket days and entertainment information please visit the Rescue Company or Town's websites. The Carnival and Kitchens open at 5pm nightly. Fireworks are scheduled for May 31<sup>st</sup>

## MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

Sunday, May 26<sup>th</sup>

The annual wreath laying ceremony and memorial service will be held at the monument in front of the Town Hall beginning at **1pm**. The parade begins at **2pm**, forming at the High School and ending at Reeder's Alley on South Main Street. The event is hosted by the American Legion Post 10 Ladies Auxiliary.

## INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION

Wednesday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>

(Rain date is Friday, July 5<sup>th</sup>)

The annual Independence Day Celebration will be held the evening of **July 3 at 5pm, with fireworks starting around 9:30pm**

Entertainment and activities for children will be provided all evening, and refreshments will be available for purchase. Please feel free to bring lawn chairs or a blanket. \*Groups interested in selling food and drinks should contact Town Hall for an application\*

## Summer Concerts in Shafer Park

The Park Board hosts a variety of free concerts in Shafer Park during the months of May through September. Please check the 'Event Calendar' on the Town's website and the enclosed EDC Spring/Summer Event brochure for dates and times. Lawn chairs and blankets are always welcome!!

## Trash & Recycling Reminders!!

- Please place your trash and recycling out on **MONDAY night** for Tuesday morning pick-up.
- If you place your trash and recycling out **AFTER** Apple Valley Waste picks-up on your street, they **will not** come back to pick-up your sanitation until the following Tuesday. If AVW misses your sanitation and you honestly placed it out on **Monday night**, please call Town Hall as soon as possible. We cannot guarantee that AVW will pick it up, but we will try our best to contact them.
- The **RED** Apple Valley Waste container that the Town provides to you is for **RECYCLING ONLY**. If you place regular household trash inside the red container, AVW will **NOT** pick it up at all. They will not pick up recycling in plastic bags either.

The Town **does not** provide a container for regular household trash. You can place out bags or purchase your own container. If you are still using a **BLUE Republic Services** recycling container for your regular trash, AVW might not pick it up.

## Streetlight Outage Information

To report a streetlight outage, please call Town Hall and we will submit a 'repair request' to Potomac Edison for you. To speed up the process, please make sure you have the closest 'address' to the pole. It usually takes about 2 -3 days to have a light repaired by Potomac Edison.

## BMUC Utility Payment Policy

Utility services are billed quarterly in **January, April, July and October**. Payments are due 30 days from the date of the bill. Utility bills can be paid online. **Payment options are available**. Please call Town Hall as soon as you receive your bill to discuss payment plans and options. Water and Sewer bills are based on how much water you use. Conserving water can help reduce your bill. **\*\*The full BMUC billing policy is available on the Town's webpage and posted at Town Hall\*\***

**PERMITS REQUIRED...** If you are considering renovations or other additions on your property, or thinking about starting a new business in Boonsboro, please remember that permits are required. **Zoning Permits are required for new businesses** in Town and business signs. Building Permits are not required for fences under 6 feet in height, landscaping or retaining walls less than 3 feet in height, exterior painting or other ordinary property maintenance. Additional information can be found on the Town website under **Planning and Zoning** or by contacting the Town Planner and Zoning Administrator Ethan Strickler at 301-432-5690.

## Boonsboro's Animal Control

**Ordinance** is enforced by the *Washington County SPCA*. If you are having problems with neighborhood animals, dogs barking excessively, acting aggressively or living in unsanitary conditions...Please contact the **SPCA** immediately at **301-733-2060**.

## Welcome New Town Residents!!

If you are a new Town resident, please take a moment to call Town Hall. Our staff can answer any questions you may have, update your billing information in our systems and provide you with a recycling bin ☺

## Like us on Facebook & Twitter...

Town events, updates and changes are all posted on the Town's Facebook and Twitter pages. A link is provided on the Town website or search "**Town of Boonsboro, Maryland**" on either site.

**Mayor:** Howard Long

**Assistant Mayor:** Rick 'JR' Byrd

**Council Members:** Ray Hanson, Terri Hollingshead, Marilee Kerns, Tony Nally and Rick Weaver

**Town Manager:** Paul Mantello

**Boonsboro Police Department**

301-432-6838

**Sheriff's Office Dispatch**

240-313-2910 or 911